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From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 4036
Message-Id: <20070402120722.CA073470040@srvr1.theporch.com>

BOATANCHORS Digest 4036

Topics covered in this issue include:

- 1) Re: How Much Vacuum in "Vacuum Tubes?"
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- 2) Re: [Milsurplus] Spectrum Display Unit
by Tom B <tbryan@nova.org>
- 3) Re: AC Plug Assistance.
by wb3fau@att.net
- 4) heads up - new FCC nprm
by stuck in 50s <polepeeg@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>
- 5) Re: National NC-240D
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- 6) Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
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- 7) Sierra Carrier Frequency Voltmeter Model 114 ?
by "Greg Carter" <kx4r@earthlink.net>
- 8) Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
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- 13) Re: AC Plug assistance
by Charles <charlesmorris@hughes.net>
- 14) Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
by "Larry WA9VRH" <wa9vrh@mtco.com>
- 15) SP-600 Manuals
by "Richard W. Solomon" <w1ks@earthlink.net>
- 16) Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
by w1id@comcast.net

Message-ID: <46101CCF.7080805@oneradio.net>

Date: Sun, 01 Apr 2007 15:57:51 -0500
From: Robert Nickels <W9RAN@oneradio.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: How Much Vacuum in "Vacuum Tubes?"
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed
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From a practical, rather than theoretical point of view, "good enough" vacuum using commonly available materials and equipment can produce usable results, as amateur scientist Nyle Steiner K7NS proves:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~lenyr/vt-vac.htm>

Follow his link to see other fascinating stuff - just don't holler at me after you fritter away hours reading his great website!

73, Bob W9RAN

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Tom B <tbryan@nova.org>
Subject: Re: [Milsurplus] Spectrum Display Unit
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed
Message-Id: <20070401214135.7FB2E5702@mail.nova.org>

Hi Ed,

I have a spectrum Display Unit General Dynamics SC744A
>Does anybody have any info on this unit. What was it used with.

Do you have a picture?

Tom Bryan
N3AJA

From: wb3fau@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: Ben Hall <kd5byb@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: AC Plug Assistance.
Date: Sun, 01 Apr 2007 22:02:06 +0000
Message-Id:
<040120072202.25969.46102BDE0008E6DE0000657121603762239A0E00CC0D99@att.net>

Ben, you need to find a good electric supply house in your area. Someone who sells

Hubbell or Leviton plugs and receptacles will have what you need. Russ.

Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 18:11:26 -0400 (EDT)
From: stuck in 50s <polepeeeg@aaa4rm.ba-watch.org>
Message-Id: <200704012211.131MBQoh004118@fracas.netboobie.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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From: wb3fau@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "JAMES HANLON" <knjhanlon@msn.com>, "boatanchors" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: National NC-240D
Date: Sun, 01 Apr 2007 22:24:30 +0000
Message-Id:
<040120072224.14265.4610311E000C860D0000037B921603762239A0E00CC0D99@att.net>

National was always a great one for added options. Years before- 30s- the NC-100 had speaker options, S meter or eye tube, Xtal filter or not, 100- gen cov. 101- ham bands only. Then there were commercial options like fix freq oper. Russ.

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Cc: stuck in 50s <polepeeg@aaa4rm.ba-watch.org>
Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Date: Sun, 01 Apr 2007 22:30:48 +0000
Message-Id:
<040120072230.20672.46103297000B70E8000050C021603762239A0E00CC0D99@att.net>

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Message-ID: <003a01c774c7\$2efe9a60\$0100a8c0@kx4r2>
From: "Greg Carter" <kx4r@earthlink.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Sierra Carrier Frequency Voltmeter Model 114 ?
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 21:35:19 -0400

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello All !
I have the above unit and need either a manual or schematic (or both). I've
tried a Google and Yahoo
Internet search and have come up empty handed.

Can anyone out there point me in the right direction ??

Thanks and 73 !
Greg KX4R

Mime-Version: 1.0
Message-Id: <p0624080dc235eaf32807@[192.168.1.2]>
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 16:05:05 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Russ,

Consider today's date...

/scott

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From: "Sandy W5TVW" <ebjr@i-55.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 20:32:36 -0500
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charset="iso-8859-1";
reply-type=original

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SORRY! I didn't take into account April First! Should put my brain in gear before setting mouth in motion! SORRY!

73,
Sandy W5TVW

(After what happened after Katrina, I'm wary of government bureaucrats making promises!)

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> Version: 7.5.446 / Virus Database: 268.18.24/741 - Release Date: 3/31/2007
> 8:54 PM
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Date: Sun, 01 Apr 2007 19:18:13 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: w8au@sssnnet.com
Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed
Message-Id: <20070401234501.7DB7721012F@srvr1.theporch.com>

At 06:11 PM 4/1/2007, stuck in 50s wrote:

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Oh, my.....GearVakf News (sp) is alive again! :-) Were you both

contributors to this (in)famous rag?

A late tribute to W8G0E/N8JR....

Perry w8au

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "stuck in 50s" <polepeeg@netboobie.org>
Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 20:27:59 -0500
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Just look at the guy who is Chairman of FCC now. His bio is on the FCC site. He hasn't a scintilla about what makes telecommunications run. Just like the guy before him. Just a political hack. When we gonna get some people in government who "know something"?

They covered a PRIME example on 60 Minutes tonight: Rep. Billy Tauzin, who was one of the principal players in getting the Medicare RX Bill thru in the middle of the night. He even had the audacity to state that they used a cancer drug on him experimentally that "saved his life" and he figured the Pharmaceutical Industry "deserved" this bill. Now he makes \$2 mil a year working for Pharma.

73,

Sandy W5TVW

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To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "stuck in 50s" <polepeeg@netboobie.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2007 5:30 PM
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From: "Bill Strangfeld" <bstrang@iac.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 20:14:29 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
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There's another new threat to the spectrum too. Like Broadband Over
Power Lines but worse. See here:

<http://www.google.com/tisp/>

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: AC Plug assistance
Date: Sun, 01 Apr 2007 18:14:08 -0500
Message-ID: <g0f0131j6a68m2iphc6vnc1paemc56lplp@4ax.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Sun, 1 Apr 2007 20:40:44 GMT, you wrote:

Are you sure this won't fit? (available from Mouser). It's what I
use for my Tek equipment with recessed chassis-mount plugs.

<http://volexpowercords.com/search/search.cgi?match=3D54>

The dimensions of the PH108 receptacle end are here:

http://volexpowercords.com/technical_information/view.cgi?part=3DPH-108

-Charles

>It's similar to tube-type Tek scopes that used a protruding 3-prong,=20
>standard AC plug that would take any standard extension cord, but it's=20
>recessed into the case a bit, with only the ground prong sticking out of=20
>the recessed area.

>
>A Cooper-brand NEMA 5-15R receptacle has an outside diameter that's just=20
>barely too large, measuring 1.345" in diameter. The recess on the piece=20
>of test gear is 1.300" in diameter.

>
>I hacked up an extension cord with a pocket-knife to make it fit, but it=20
>doesn't fit well and I don't feel good about this.

>
>Looking thru the standard NEMA listings, it would seem that a NEMA 5-15R=20

>is the right choice - IE: there isn't anything smaller than 5-15R.
>
>Any thoughts on what the right matching receptacle is? I've ruled out=20
>replacing it with a computer-standard IEC jack, as the hole in the=20
>equipment is just too large and it would look ugly.

Message-ID: <00c601c774be\$231d4ec0\$e00b1aa5@32V3>
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Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 19:30:37 -0500
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DUH!!! APRIL 1ST!!

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Subject: SP-600 Manuals
Date: Sun, 1 Apr 2007 20:54:50 -0400
Message-ID: <IBEAICMPAKMPCMJKFBLBMEIJGNAA.w1ks@earthlink.net>
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I have a three-ring binder full of SP-600 manuals and data (copies)
that I don't need. Anyone interested in the following:

Hammarlund SP-600-JX and SP-600-J Manual Issue 5 May, 1954

Hammarlund SP-600-JX17 Manual Aug 1967

QST Article Updating the SP-600 Aug 1970

TO 31R2-4-101-2 SP-600-JX-21 Service Instructions

TO 31R2-4-101-3 SP-600-JX-21 Overhaul Instructions

TO 31R2-4-101-4 SP-600-JX-21 Parts Breakdown

\$25 for the lot, shipped CONUS via Priority Mail.

73, Dick, W1KSZ

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Subject: Re: heads up - new FCC nprm
Date: Mon, 02 Apr 2007 12:06:59 +0000
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where I come from this is called "poisson d'avril" or April Fool!

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solid">----- Original message -----
From: stuck in 50s

<polepeeg@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>

> This is from our ARRL Georgia

Section Manager: Susan K. Swiderski,
> AF4FO's Monthly report.
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> =====> PLEASE SPARE US: THE FCC STRIKES AGAIN
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FCC took what they described as an important new step to reduce QRM
> on

amateur frequencies by setting standards for voice speeds. The docket
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#200-4U will become official in the Part 97 amateur regulations
> effective 1 April 2007.
> Citing frequent complaints about "long, boring conversations" on the ham
> bands, especially 75 meters, the Commission moved to impose a new
> standard on voice operations requiring all conversations to be at a speed
> of "at least 200 spoken words-per-minute".
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> The Commission i

n its ruling was especially critical of what they called
> "long winded, often endless conversations by old men talking about their
> prostate problems and other needs to get up and go to the bathroom
> several times during the night".
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> FCC staffers say they have personally heard conversations about nothing
> that went for hours and tied up frequencies that could be used by faster
> talkers.
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> Official Observer stations have received instructions to listen to
> suspect conversations and count the number of words-per-minute spoken.
> Those QSOs which fail to meet the minimum speed requirements will be
> noted and the operators involved will receive Official Observer Advisory
> Notices encouraging them to follow the rules or risk receiving notice of
> apparent violation citations from the FCC.
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> Some hams in southern states complained the new regulation will impose a

> burden on them because they naturally talk more slowly than those up
> north. They are suggesting that frequencies be set aside for slow speed
> discussions concerning favorite country music artists (particularly Don
> Williams), NASCAR, huntin' and fishin' (particularly bass and brim). FCC
> says it may consider that in future rulemaking.
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> In a separate press release, the American Radio Relay League said they
> are also concerned about two-meter operation where little is discussed
> except "full quieting and items to be picked up on the way home". The
> League said that sort of thing is boring and is usually spoken very
> slowly as well, far below the 200 words-per-minute minimum. The League
> suggested conversations on how to help raise more money for League
> activities would be especially welcomed and will be encouraged. Future
> issues of QST will contain special pull-out se

ctions containing
> recommended topics for on-air discussion to brighten up QSOs.
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